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(57) Abstract

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A method of providing glutamine to a patient. A nutritional composition which includes whey protein, or a protein mixture which simulates the amino acid profile of whey protein, as a protein source is enterally administered to the patient. The whey protein may be a hydrolyzed whey protein. The patient may be a stressed patient, pre-term baby, or athlete.